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Cropsey urges appeal of ruling that violent-video-game law is unconstitutional

Sen. Cropsey: 'The interests of game makers peddling blood and gore have been placed above the interests of parents and children.'

LANSING—On Monday, a federal district court judge ruled that the law sponsored by state Sen. Alan Cropsey that prohibits the sale or rental of violent video games to minors is unconstitutional. The governor signed Cropsey's legislation into law last fall. Sen. Cropsey, R-DeWitt, issued the following statement today regarding the court ruling:

"It is once again mind boggling that the bottom line of the gaming industry is apparently more important than the safety and welfare of the youth in Michigan. The testimony we received on this bill is clear: Parents do not want these horrendously violent games made available to their children. With this decision, the court has rejected the concerns of parents.

"To deny the compelling testimony that there is a connection between graphically violent video games and violent behavior in minors is shocking. It is heartbreaking that additional tragedies may not be prevented because the interests of game makers peddling blood and gore have been placed above the interests of parents and children.

"I urge the attorney general and the governor's office to appeal this ruling."

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